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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-62 were pending and claims 41-62 were withdrawn as directed to non-elected subject matter in the present application before the amendment as set forth above. By this Amendment, claims 8, 10 and 18 are amended and claims 15-17 and 19-40 are canceled.

The March 15, 2005 Office action rejected claims 15, 16, 19-23, 25-30, 33-37, 39 and 40 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 6,099,861 to DeSenna et al. (hereinafter “DeSenna”), claims 29, 38 and 40 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 4,822,512 to Auchincloss, claims 29, 39 and 40 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) or §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 6,478,972 to Shim et al. (hereinafter “Shim”), claims 29, 33, 34, 39 and 40 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 5,527,547 Hight et al. (hereinafter “Hight”), claims 29-40 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Hight in view of Shim, and claims 17, 24, 31 and 38 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over DeSenna in view of Shim, respectively.

However, the Examiner allowed claims 1-14. Additionally, the Examiner indicated that “claim 18 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable, subject to a search update at the time of the next Office action, if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.”

In addition, the Examiner suggested that “in claims 10, 24, and 38, phthalic acid and isophthalic acid are recited twice. Deletion of the second recitations is required.”

Applicant appreciates the Examiner’s careful review of the application, and indication of allowability of claims 1-14 and 18.

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In response, as set forth above, claim 18 has been rewritten in the independent form that includes all of the limitation of the base claim, now canceled claim 15, which makes amended claim 18 allowable, as indicated by the Examiner in the March 15, 2005 Office action. Claim 10 has been amended, according to the Examiner's suggestion, to delete a second recitation of phthalic acid and isophthalic acid. Claim 8 has been amended to correct a typo.

Moreover, the specification has been amended for better form so that the amended claims, the written description and the drawings are consistent with each other. Specifically, the phrase "phthalic acid, isophthalic acid," has been deleted in the paragraph from page 5, lines 10-23 and the paragraph from page 11, lines 18-30, to page 12, lines 1-7, respectively, to eliminate a second recitation.

Without acquiescing in the propriety of the Examiner's rejections and to facilitate the prosecution of the current application, claims 15-17 and 19-40 have been canceled, which makes the Examiner's rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) to claims 15, 16, 19-23 and 25-28, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) to claims 17, 24, 31 and 32, under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and §103(a) to claims 30 and 33-38, and under 35 U.S.C. §102(a)/(e), §102(b) and §103(a) to claims 29, 39 and 40, respectively, moot. Applicant reserves every right in canceled claims 15-17 and 19-40 to file continuation applications.

Additionally, Applicant respectfully brings to the Examiner's attention that in the March 15, 2005 Office action, the first named inventor is wrongfully referenced as "Su Mingzhong." The first named inventor should be "Su, Mingzhong" as indicated by the application originally filed.

Support for the amendments set forth above can be found in the disclosure as originally filed. Applicant asserts that no new matter is added. However, the claims are not limited to the disclosed embodiments.

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Any amendments to the claims not specifically referred to herein as being included for the purpose of distinguishing the claims from cited references are included for the purpose of clarification, consistence and/or grammatical/spelling correction only.

It is now believed that the application is in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the foregoing Amendment and Response place this application in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that there are any issues that can be resolved by a telephone conference, or that there are any informalities that can be corrected by an Examiner's amendment, please call the undersigned at 404.495.3678.

Respectfully submitted,

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